

The OEOS News

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LANL Pollution Prevention Award Ceremony

On April 26, 2001, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) conducted its Annual Pollution Prevention Awards ceremony. Thomas Starke, LANL Program Manager, Environmental Stewardship Office, introduced the twenty-nine group and individual awards.

Dick Burick, LANL Deputy Laboratory Director for Operations, presented the awards. Peter Maggiore, Secretary, New Mexico

Environment Department, was scheduled to give the keynote address but was unable to attend.

The pollution prevention efforts avoided the purchase of thousands of dollars in new resources, recycling efforts reduced landfill needs and millions of dollars in cost savings and avoidances were realized. WMD's Pollution Prevention Team represented AL at the awards ceremony.

Earth Day Activities at DOE AL Sites



Kansas City Blue River Cleanup

Earth Day activities have been held throughout the country since the 1970's, and once again the DOE/AL sites have done their part to participate in this annual celebration of the environment. Earth Day is traditionally celebrated in late April, and the AL sites

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Earth Day Activities at DOE AL Sites

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hosted activities during the last two weeks of April.

The Kansas City Plant (KCP) chose activities that involve both past and present Earth Day celebrations. In addition to Earth Day T-shirt sales in the cafeteria, planned activities for this year involved participation in the community effort on April 21 to clean up a 10-mile section of the Blue River, which runs near the plant. There was also a free flower seed giveaway to employees. Another highlight of this year's activities at the KCP was a display called, "Show Us Your Tree". Employees were invited to take a photo of their tree that was grown from an Earth Day giveaway 10 years ago.

Also on Saturday, April 21, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) employees coordinated a Hazardous Chemical Collection Site in the nearby town of Española, NM. Residents were able to dispose of outdated and unwanted hazardous chemicals in an environmentally responsible manner. The following week on April 26 the Laboratory hosted its annual Laboratory Pollution Prevention Awards Ceremony. Over 28 noteworthy projects within the area of Pollution Prevention were recognized at the ceremony.

Other sites, including DOE AL and Sandia National Laboratories (SNL), chose to provide activities that promoted employees awareness of various environmental concerns. AL displayed posters highlighting

energy and water conservation. A bookmark giveaway as employees entered the protected area was held on April 20th to promote environmental awareness and conservation. SNL provided an informational activity on their internal website to promote environmental awareness and highlight pollution prevention activities ongoing at the lab.

Even though each of the DOE AL sites have ongoing programs for environmental awareness and pollution prevention, the annual Earth Day celebrations provide an opportunity for employees to interact with each other and their local communities in worthwhile and enjoyable events that benefit the environment.

Title X Activities – Environmental Restoration Division

The Title X program has received claims from Homestake Mining Company, State of Wyoming, Western Nuclear, Inc., American Nuclear Corporation, and Quivira Mining Company for the FY 2001 Claim Submission cycle. The deadline for submission of claims was May 1, 2001. The total amount of the claims submitted to date was \$26.8M. ERD received a total of 11 claims by the deadline.

Sandia National Laboratories Environmental Restoration

At the Chemical Waste Landfill, the top 12 feet of excavation is now 96 percent complete. Excavation will be complete this year meeting the schedule and an EM Management Commitment.

Additional information regarding the Chemical Waste Landfill can be obtained by contacting David Bourne, ERD at 845-4032.

Blood Needed Urgently at June 13 DOE AL Bloodmobile

Please mark your calendars; the next AL Bloodmobile is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, in Building 381-ABC. Thanks again to all the OEOS donors who donated at the March 14 Bloodmobile. The need for your valued blood is

now even greater! Any potential new donors in OEOS may call Bloodmobile Recruiter, Clint Smythe, at 845-5659 for more details.

The Central Internet Database (CID)

The Central Internet Database (CID) has been placed on the DOE/EM internet. It contains approved data from FY2000 providing information on DOE waste and materials media to the public and stakeholders in response to a DOE Waste Management PEIS lawsuit settlement. Access to the site is <http://cid.em.doe.gov> and the CID help desk can be reached at 703-748-7085.

AL Mid-Year Review Rescheduled for June 2001

The AL Environmental Operations Mid-Year Review at the Energy Training Complex originally scheduled for May 9-10, 2001 has been rescheduled at the request of HQ for the week of June 3, 2001. HQ EM staff is needed at HQ to support Dr. Huntoon's testimony next week before several Congressional committees on the FY 2003 budget.

John Arthur, OEOS Assistant Manager Assumes the Duties as Acting AL Deputy Manager

Effective April 23, 2001, John Arthur, Assistant Manager, OEOS became the Acting Deputy Manager, DOE-AL. This is a temporary position until AL can finalize the DOE-AL reorganization. John Themelis will be acting OEOS Assistant Manager until further notice.

Congratulations John and good luck in your new assignment!

IPABS Internet Based Database Closed

The IPABS database will be locked out until the current budget formulation exercise for fiscal year 2003 is complete.

AL Manager's Weekly Note

AL employees are invited to read the weekly update. Questions or comments may be directed to John Arthur, Acting Deputy Manager or Rick Glass, Manager OOM. Your input to the *Update* is encouraged.



Calendar of Events

- ***May 24, 2001***
OEOS Stakeholder Meeting
- ***May 28, 2001***
Memorial Day Holiday
- ***Week of June 3, 2001***
OEOS Program Mid-Year
Review
- ***June 13, 2001***
AL Blood Drive